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At a meeting of the Public Library Commission of Indiana, July 20th, Mr. Chalmers Hadley tendered his resignation as Secretary and State Organizer of the Commission, to take effect September 1st. The cause of his resignation was his election at the Bretton Woods Conference to the position of Secretary of the American Library Association.

Indiana sustains a serious loss in Mr. Hadley's resignation, for he has been an active influence not only in commission work but in all library activities. Because of his ability to understand a situation clearly and to make others understand it, he has been an excellent organizer, and the growth of libraries in Indiana since he has been Secretary has been remarkable.

The number of books in the traveling libraries has been greatly increased and the circulation has grown steadily. During his connection with the Commission the office work has been organized, exhibits of building plans, and furnishings have been prepared and the Commission work much broadened. The standard of library efficiency has been raised, co-operation among Indiana librarians encouraged, and a good, sane library spirit developed, largely through his influence.

The new work to which he goes gives him larger responsibilities, and the Public Library Commission bespeaks for him unlimited success in this new field.

The Commission contemplates no change of policy with the change of secretary; its only object is to better library conditions in the state, and it hopes that this work will continue to be carried on in a way that will merit the approval and co-operation of all library interests.

The library associations of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana have planned to hold an interstate conference at Louisville, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 20-22. The program, given elsewhere in this issue, offers a valuable list of topics for discussion and several prominent speakers. In order to avoid giving too much of the time to the large problems, one whole afternoon is to be given over to a round table discussion of minor details, with special reference to the needs of the small library. A few topics will be chosen beforehand and there will be an opportunity to suggest others during the meeting.

The sessions will be held in the main library and special visits will be made to the other libraries of the city. There will be one or two social events and the convention will conclude with a trip to Mammoth Cave.

Louisville's reputation as a convention city and the ease with which it can be reached from most Indiana towns, ought to encourage a large Indiana attendance. Library boards are especially urged to send a representative from their own number as well as their librarian.

Indiana librarians should welcome the location of A. L. A. Headquarters at Chicago. It will place within easy reach the exhibits of illustrative material that have been collected, the printed lists and helps published by the A. L. A., and the personal services of the new secretary, Mr. Hadley, and his staff. The offices are located on the fifth floor of the Public Library Building, at 1 Washington Street.

"They are open daily from nine to five, and members visiting Chicago may have mail sent here and are cordially invited to use the rooms," Handbook, 1909.

### THE LIBRARIAN AND THE PUBLIC.

We fully acquiesce in what the late Dr. Canfield tersely says, "A trained librarian can get more out of an unabridged dictionary than an untrained one can get out of a library of a thousand volumes"; and we know how necessary is the machinery of a library, but the average library patron knows nothing and cares less about any of these things. It is sufficient for him to find that there is an institution that provides material for his intellectual needs and some one with ready sympathy and open mind to aid in that selection.

One of the first requisites of a librarian, whose point of contact with his public is often the loan desk, is a genuine liking for people. Happy is he who has this without having to cultivate it, for the experience of him who cultivates it might be something like that of Dr. Palmer's, of which we are told in his *Life of Alice Freeman Palmer*. After setting up their household gods in Cambridge, Mrs. Palmer was anxious for a regular reception day, at which she could entertain her former Wellesley students, her husband's students and other friends. Dr. Palmer, at first, wondered why at the close of these days he was so thoroughly wearied, while Mrs. Palmer was brighter and fresher than before. He soon decided that it was because Mrs. Palmer naturally liked and enjoyed people, while he tried to do so.

Of this varied public which we serve, I would not yet enjoin you to "suffer fools gladly" for we shall have to go on to perfection before that impossible attainment, but we need the broadest toleration to be "all things to all men." Let us look at some of those whom we serve. Here enters one who knows definitely what he wants; his needs are soon and easily supplied. Another comes in for the first time "just to look around." Perhaps we have a new Carnegie building, perhaps an old one, at least there is something to show that will be of genuine interest, and I hold that his outlook will be broadened at even this. If a resident, you may

have gained a regular patron, if a stranger nothing is lost, and it may be "bread cast upon the waters."

Here comes an old river captain, whose days on the river are ended, and whose cheery speech and optimistic outlook on life compensate one for any trouble there may be in selecting a book for himself or invalid wife, who dearly loves a story with a Scotch flavor, for did she not come from bonnie Scotland herself? The elderly patrons are all grateful for any consideration they receive, and as Geordie Hoo said of the Domsie, we should count their "freindships ain o' the gifts o' God."

So from the many walks of life they come; the little children for their first reading books, the girls asking for suggestions for Valentine, Hallow-e'en and other parties; the hostess for her menus, plates for costumes for theatricals, lists of plays, and the plays themselves; the club woman with her varied interests, and the men, who are often the last class to awaken to the fact that the library is a personal asset. When this timid man comes be careful not to wave him to the catalog to "work out his own salvation," nor to suggest that he come at a less busy hour. Of those who come to us no class appeals more than the children, nor are greater returns made than in our work with them. They are so responsive to suggestion, and prove such warm friends.

To toleration should be added courtesy and tact, for these are often required in keeping a straight face under difficulties. You must know when asked for "Moses from an old man" to give what you know she wants without a smile; and when the "Blue Umbrella" is called for to hand out obediently the Purple Parasol. You should be able when given a slip on which is written "Life of Testalozzer" and "Tick's Educational Reformers," to give without comment *Life of Pestalozzi*, and *Quick's Educational Reformers*. A sense of humor is a saving grace from the petty things of life.

Over the great gateway of Cornell University is an inscription which reads:

"So enter  
That thou mayest become more learned and  
thoughtful.

So depart  
That thou mayest become more useful to thy  
country and mankind."

Would we serve our public better by having that over the doorway of each of our libraries? We all know many examples of the effect of the personal human touch, but as Indiana librarians we may be interested in the following: in one of the principal streets of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, stands a bronze statue of a man in the simple garb of an American of fifty years ago. Almost within sight is a magnificent structure which towers far above all the adjacent buildings. The statue is that of Col. Anderson, who for nearly twenty years was principal of two famous classical schools in New Albany. The statue was reared by Mr. Carnegie in grateful appreciation of Col. Anderson's kindness in opening his library of 400 books to the young men of the town, which enabled Mr. Carnegie when a messenger boy to obtain access to literature. That kindness made the boy declare if he became rich he would devote his wealth to the building of libraries for people who could not afford to buy books. That splendid building was the first fulfillment in America of that promise which now extends around the world, and of which we in Indiana know so much.

ANNETTE CLARK,

Librarian, Public Library, New Albany.

#### SUMMER SCHOOL FOR LIBRARIANS.

The eighth summer library school conducted by the Public Library Commission of Indiana, was held at Earlham College, Richmond, Ind., with a total enrollment of 22 students. The summer school faculty consisted of Chalmers Hadley, Secretary Public Library Commission of Indiana, Director; Miss Florence R. Curtis, University of Illinois Library School; Miss Carrie E. Scott, Assistant State Organizer, Public Library Commission, and Mr. William Murray Hepburn, Librarian, Purdue University. In addition to other visiting lecturers, special lectures on book selection were given by Miss Linda M. Clatworthy, Librarian, Dayton Public Library, and Mr. L. J. Bailey, Librarian, Gary Public Library.

A total of 88 lectures was given during the course, divided as follows: Cataloging, 18; other technical processes, 25; government documents, 10; reference, 8; book selection, 7;

children's library work, 10, exclusive of required reading; miscellaneous topics of library interest, 8; book binding, 2. The discussion on book-binding was led by Mr. Edward Hertzberg, of the Monastery bindery, Chicago, who had a most interesting display of bindings and binding materials in connection with his talks.

One entire day during the summer course was devoted to a library institute, when numerous topics which could not be considered in the regular course, were given consideration. The institute was in the nature of a round table discussion with a question box. In addition to the discussions there was a display of pamphlet binders, mounted newspaper clippings, various forms of statistical sheets, financial records, etc.

A pleasant feature of the school was a trip of library inspection to the Muncie Public Library. Library school students and instructors were the guests of the Muncie library staff at a delightful luncheon at the home of Mrs. Johnston, secretary of the Muncie library board. Mr. Theodore Rose, president of the board, gave a short sketch of the library's history, and Miss Arlena M. Chapin, the librarian, of the library's work. The summer school students then inspected the library and the paintings owned by the Muncie Art Association which were hung in the library building.

#### SPECIAL LECTURES.

Mr. Hepburn—Government documents.

#### Book Selection.

Miss Clatworthy—Aids and principles in book selection.

Miss Clatworthy—Books for working girls.

Mr. Bailey—Technical books for men.

Mr. Lindley—History books.

Mr. Brown—Books on charities and corrections.

Mr. Dunn—Detective stories.

Miss Clatworthy—Special features of the work in the Dayton Public Library.

Mr. Bailey—Special features of the work in the Gary Public Library.

Mr. Lindley—Local history collections.

Miss Reynolds—Traveling libraries.

Mr. Hadley—Public library commission work.

Mr. Hadley—Book plates.

Mr. Hadley—Library schools.

Miss Clark—The human touch in library work.

#### List of Students.

Burt, Florence May, Assistant, Public Library, South Bend, Ind.

Bynum, Mrs. Cora O., Librarian, Public Library, Lebanon, Ind.

Chenault, Nettie B., Assistant, Public Library, Lexington, Ky.

Fretageot, Mrs. Nora C., Assistant, Workmen's Institute, New Harmony, Ind.

Heaton, Garnette, Assistant, George Smith Public Library, Junction City, Kan.

Helpman, Lulu, Librarian, Public Library, Warsaw, Ind.

Henshaw, Amy, Librarian, Public Library, Harrisburg, Ill.

Hunt, Mrs. L. M., Librarian, University of Mississippi, University, Miss.

Johnston, Vera S., Assistant, Public Library, Paducah, Ky.

Kellogg, Alice, Assistant, University of Chicago, Library, Chicago, Ill.

Kriete, Edna M., Assistant, Earlham College Library, Richmond, Ind.

Lindsey, Lilian, Librarian, Public Library, Frankfort, Ky.

Miesse, Lulu M., Librarian, Public Library, Noblesville, Ind.

Miltimore, Cora A., Librarian, A. and M. College, Stillwater, Okla.

Schutt, Garnett, Assistant, Public Library, Michigan City, Mich.

Tillotson, Faye, Librarian, Public Library, Clinton, Ind.

Tomlinson, Anna L., Librarian, Whittier College, Whittier, Cal.

Turrell, Anna E., Librarian, John Herron Art Institute, Indianapolis, Ind.

Wood, Mary Whistler, Librarian, Blackstone Branch Public Library, Chicago, Ill.

#### Special Students.

Brumbaugh, Ethel, Librarian, Public Library, Frankfort, Ind.

Clark, Mattie, Librarian, Henry Henley Library, Carthage, Ind.

Stevens, Alice D., Librarian, Public Library, Logansport, Ind.

#### RARE BOOKS IN DEPAUW LIBRARY.

Among the books in the handsome new library building at DePauw are a number of rare old volumes which received special attention.

The "grand old book" of the collection is a folio of Shakespeare, published in London in 1623. Formerly this was thought to be one of the precious first folios, of which there are now only a few in the world, but a recent investigation, with the water-mark as a clue, places it in a slightly later edition. The librarian has a letter from Dr. Sydney Lee, of London, making inquiries concerning this rare volume.

While the folio of the great bard is the most valuable, it is not by any means the oldest book in the library. The "Institutio Christianae Religionis," by John Calvin, 1611, and Ben Jonson's "Catiline," also 1611, share this honor between them. "Catiline" contains a long-winded and fawning dedication addressed to "that great example of Honour and Virtue, the Most Noble William, Earl of Pembroke."

Among these battered survivors of the past, standing serenely in one of the remotest corners, is a tall black volume entitled "Poems" by Joshua Sylvester, 1633. This book contains many short poems of remarkable simplicity and sweetness. Sylvester is known chiefly for his influence on Milton.

The "Chronicle of the Kings of England," 1643, is a badly battered volume crowded from cover to cover with long drawn out harangues copiously illustrated by many coarse woodcuts in which delicacy of feeling seems to have been a minor consideration.

Three fat volumes of Racine's plays, 1669, three lean, solemn-looking volumes of Dante, 1751; a chunky edition of "Edda" by Joseph Cottle, Coleridge's publisher and friend, 1797, and Spenser's "Faerie Queene" are works which were getting well along in years when the grandfathers of the present generation were yet playing marbles.

The dragons in this mysterious grotto where the old books lie in state, mount guard over one certain book with particular alertness. This is the "Hymn Book" of John Wesley, 1773, presented by that great preacher himself

to Bishop Asbury. This book is bound in a thick, fuzzy, blue cloth, resembling flannel, and holds many of the hymns sung daily in the chapel.

# **RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES, SUGGESTED BY THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.**

## **1. Hours:**

Week days, except legal holidays,  
....., a. m. to ..... p. m.  
Sundays (and legal holidays), .....  
p. m. to ..... p. m. for reading and  
reference only.

2. Any resident of ..... (or ..... township) is entitled to borrow books from the library when he has filled out an application blank. Children under 14 years of age must obtain the signature of parent or guardian. (Residents of ..... township, outside the city limits, will be entitled to the same privileges on payment of one dollar per annum.) Any stranger by depositing one dollar may draw books from the library. For such deposit a receipt will be given, and the money will be refunded when the card is surrendered.

3. Each person entitled to draw books from the library will be given a card, which must be presented whenever a book is taken, returned or renewed. Lost cards will be replaced at the expiration of 14 days upon the payment of five cents.

4. Two books at a time may be drawn on a card, but only one of these may be fiction. Two volumes of the same book are considered as one.

5. Books may be retained two weeks and may be once renewed for the same period, except those labeled "seven day book," which must be returned in one week and cannot be renewed.

6. A fine of two cents a day shall be paid on each volume which is not returned according to the provisions of the preceding rules; and no book can be drawn by the person incurring the fine until it is paid.

7. Card-holders are responsible for all books taken on their cards.

8. All injuries to books beyond reasonable

wear, and all losses shall be promptly adjusted to the satisfaction of the librarian.

9. All reference books are marked with a capital R, and may not be taken from the building.

It is hardly necessary to say that these rules are meant to be general, and must vary with the size and character of the library. The hours will usually depend upon the number of people on the staff. Where it is possible they ought to be from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. If this cannot be, afternoon and evening are usually better than morning and afternoon, because this arrangement gives the men a chance to visit the library when they are not at work. Opening on Sundays and holidays in the afternoon is frequently desirable for the same reason.

The first parenthetic expression in Rule 2 is to be retained if the library receives support from the township, the second if it does not.

If the library is very small, Rule 4 may read "Only one book at a time may be drawn on a card"; if the library is large it is well to allow any number of non-fiction to be drawn by each borrower. In the large library there is also no reason why non-fiction should not be retained longer than two weeks, at least in special cases.

It is probably best to print Rule 9 about as it stands, but many good librarians will lend anything—even an encyclopedia—over night to reliable patrons.

Rules 5 and 6 ought to be printed on the book pocket.

The Haverhill (Mass.) public library issues in foreign languages printed lists of new accessions of foreign books. This is a good way to encourage interest and patronage of the foreign population. Imagine the discouragement the foreigner must feel on entering a public library where everything is English except his one little corner, and with no guide to his literature but the English catalogue. If a library is going to supply books for him, it would seem no more than right that it also make it easy for him to use the books.

"The quiet philosopher of the Wabash" is the title of an interesting article by George Bicknell in the August Craftsman.



## GOOD JUVENILE BOOKS OF 1908.

From the New York State Library's Best Books of 1908.

- Richman, Julia and Wallach, I. R. Good citizenship. Amer. Bk. Co., 45c.
- Carpenter, F. G. How the world is clothed. (Readers on commerce and industry.) Amer. Bk. Co., 60c.
- "Aunt Naomi," *pseud.* Jewish fairy tales and fables. Bloch, \$1 net.
- Baldwin, James. Another fairy reader. Amer. Bk. Co., 35c.
- Dutton, M. B., *comp.* The tortoise and the geese, and other fables of Bidpai. Houghton, \$1.
- Grierson, Mrs. E. W. The children's book of Celtic stories. (Color books for boys and girls.) (Black 6.) Macmillan, \$2 net.
- Herbertson, A. G. Heroic legends. Caldwell, \$2.
- Malory, Sir Thomas. King Arthur stories from Malory; done from the text of Malory's Morte D'Arthur by L. O. Stevens and E. F. Allen. (Riverside lit. ser.) Houghton, 40c net.
- Stevenson, Augusta. Children's classics in dramatic form; a reader for the fourth grade. Houghton, 40c net.
- Tileston, Mrs. M. W. F., *comp.* The children's treasure trove of pearls. Little, \$1.50.
- Onken, W. H., Jr. and Baker, J. B. Harper's how to understand electrical works. (Harper's practical books for boys.) Harper, \$1.75.
- Johnson, Constance. When mother lets us cook. Moffat, 75c net.
- Morgan, Mrs. M. H. How to dress a doll. Altemus, 50c.
- Howden, J. R. The boys' book of steamships. Doubleday, \$2.
- Jekyll, Gertrude. Children and gardens. ("Country Life" lib.) (Newnes 6-n.) Scribner, \$2 net.
- Cyr, E. M. Story of three great artists. Ginn, 60c net.
- Adams, J. H. Harper's indoor book for boys. (Harper's practical books for boys.) Harper, \$1.75.
- Peabody, J. P. (Mrs. L. S. Marks.) The book of the little past. Houghton, \$1.50.
- Edgar, M. G., *comp.* A treasury of verse for little children. Crowell, \$2.50.

Terry, Helen, *ed.* French song and verse for children. Longmans, 50c.

Church, A. J. The Aeneid for boys and girls; told from Virgil in simple language. Macmillan, \$1.50.

Leith, Mrs. Disney. Iceland. (Peeps at many lands.) Macmillan, 75c net.

Kidd, Dudley. The bull of the Kraal and the heavenly maidens; a tale of black children. (Color books for boys and girls.) (Black 6.) Macmillan, \$2 net.

Plummer, M. W. Roy and Ray in Canada. Holt, \$1.75 net.

Tappan, E. M. The story of the Greek people; an elementary history of Greece. Houghton, 65c net.

Howard, O. T. Famous Indian chiefs I have known. Century, \$1.50 net.

Tappan, E. M. Letters from Colonial children. Houghton, \$1.50.

## JUVENILE BIOGRAPHY.

Lang, Mrs. Andrew. The book of princes and princesses. Longmans, \$1.60 net.

## JUVENILE FICTION.

Camp, Walter. The substitute; a football story. Appleton, \$1.50.

Canfield, Mrs. F. A. C. (Mrs. James H. Canfield). The kidnapped campers. Harper, \$1.25.

Ellis, K. R. The Wide Awake girls. (Wide-awake girls ser.) Little, \$1.50.

Finnemore, John. Wolf patrol; a tale of Baden-Powell's boy scouts. (Black 3/6.) Macmillan, \$1.50.

Gould, E. L. Felicia. Penn Pub. Co., \$1.

Hamp, S. F. The trail of the badger. Wilde, \$1.50.

Hopkins, W. J. The sandman: his sea stories. (Sandman stories.) Page, \$1.50.

Hough, Emerson. The young Alaskans. Harper, \$1.25.

Lucas, E. V. Anne's terrible good nature, and other stories for children. Macmillan, \$1.75.

Montgomery, L. M. Anne of Green Gables. Page, \$1.50.

Roberts, C. G. D. The house in the water; a book of animal stories. Page, \$1.50.

Seawell, M. E. The imprisoned midshipmen. Appleton, \$1.25.

Wheelwright, J. T. War children. Dodd, \$1.50.

# INTERSTATE LIBRARY CONFERENCE, LOUISVILLE, OCTOBER 20-22.

## Program.

The following is a tentative outline only, but there will probably be few, if any, changes:

WEDNESDAY, 2:30 P. M.

The library and the school.

1. From the standpoint of the school—E. H. Mark, Superintendent of Schools, Louisville.
  2. From the standpoint of the library—(Person to be named by Miss Morse.)
  3. Systematic guidance of young people's reading—Hardin Lucas, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Louisville.
- Discussion.

WEDNESDAY, 8 P. M.

Books and authors.

Introductory paper—Demarchus C. Brown, Librarian, Indiana State Library.

To be followed by readings by several well-known Louisville authors from their own works.

THURSDAY, 9:30 A. M.

Visits in automobiles to Louisville libraries.

Business sessions of the separate state associations.

THURSDAY, 2:30 P. M.

Round table discussions of various library problems, conducted by Mary E. Ahern, Editor of "Public Libraries."

A number of topics to be printed on the program; others to be brought up during the meeting.

THURSDAY, 8 P. M.

Commission work. 1. General—Henry E. Legler, Secretary Wisconsin Free Library Commission. 2. In Indiana—Carl H. Milam, Secretary Public Library Commission of Indiana. 3. In Ohio (person to be named by Miss Morse). 4. In Kentucky—William F. Yust, Librarian Louisville Free Public Library.

FRIDAY, 8:25 A. M.

Trip to Mammoth Cave.

One or both of the evening sessions will be held at the Woman's Club and possibly be followed by a social function of some kind.

## Railroad Rates.

A rate of one fare plus 25 cents for the round trip has been made for all points in Kentucky and for Cincinnati, Ohio. From Cincinnati the round trip fare is \$3.75. Tickets on sale October 18, 19 and 20, good returning as late as October 23. From other points south of the Ohio river a party ticket for 10 or more persons is sold at the rate of two cents a mile. North of the Ohio river no reduction is made because the regular rate there is two cents a mile.

The Ohio Library Association will make the trip in a body by boat from Cincinnati. Members of the other two associations are invited to join the party at Cincinnati, Madison or Lawrenceburg.

The Indianapolis crowd will probably leave on the 9 o'clock "Hoosier Flyer" from the Terminal station, and all others who can conveniently pass through the city are asked to join the party. Those who cannot reach Indianapolis early enough for this car may take the 12 o'clock Flyer, which reaches Louisville about 4 p. m.

## Hotel Rates.

The Galt House has been selected as headquarters at the following rates, American plan:  
Two in a room without bath, \$2.50 per day, each.

One in a room without bath, \$3.00 per day.

Two in a room with bath, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per day, each.

One in a room with bath, \$4.00 per day.

Rooms on the European plan are \$1.00 and up. All arrangements for rooms must be made directly with the hotel. Information about other hotels and boarding houses may be obtained by addressing Mr. Yust.

## Trip to Mammoth Cave.

Railroad round trip, provided there are

50 or more in party..... \$4 00

Hotel one day, American plan, reservation in advance not necessary..... 2 00

Cave charges, two routes ..... 3 00

\$9 00

There are six routes, charges \$2.00 for the first route and \$1.00 for each additional route.

**Registration.**

The local committee desires to know approximately what the attendance will be, and it is requested that all who expect to attend notify Mr. Yust, Louisville Public Library, as soon as possible. Requests for reservations should also be sent in promptly to the Galt House.

**A Message to the Librarians.**

As many of you may know, the President, Mr. Jenkins, went abroad in June to be absent one year, leaving the work of the Indiana Library Association in the hands of the Vice-President. Before he left, it was decided by the Executive Committee to hold a joint meeting with Kentucky some time in October. Ohio has since joined and it will be a tri-state meeting, October 20-22, with a post conference to Mammoth Cave, 22-23. All of the Southern states have been invited to send representatives and several have already accepted — so that this meeting promises to be a small A. L. A. and of special interest to all Indiana librarians.

Louisville has just completed a large and well equipped library, with several branches, which in itself is an inducement to attend this meeting. The program has been worked out to help in the problems of the states represented, and will be of interest to all library workers. The convention will be a large and enthusiastic one, and as Acting President I want to urge every librarian and trustee in Indiana to arrange to be present and take part in all the meetings. The inspiration that comes from meeting other library workers at our annual gatherings gives a new impetus to the development in Indiana that our association cannot afford to lose. Try to make Indiana's delegation the largest in attendance.

Any suggestions will be gladly received and information given by the Acting President.

Very Sincerely,

ELIZABETH CLAYPOOL EARL,  
1812 Western Ave., Connersville.

The August number of Greater Dayton, which is given over largely to educational matters, contains an excellent illustrated article by Miss Clatworthy on "How the public library helps the city."

**FICTION CATALOGS.**

Many librarians are finding the fiction catalogs issued by the H. W. Wilson Company useful tools in raising the standard of fiction reading among their patrons. These catalogs range in scope from 350 to 2,000 titles, and comprise the standard works of all times. The selection is based on the following library lists: A thousand of the best novels, compiled by the Newark Free Public Library; fiction of the A. L. A. Catalog of 8,000 volumes for a popular library; fiction entered in the A. L. A. book-list from the first number to the current number; fiction of the Wisconsin Free Library Commission's suggestive list of books for a small library (Part 1, Books for Adults, June, 1905); annual lists of best books, issued by the New York State Library, for the years 1896 to 1907, inclusive.

Entries are made under both author and title and descriptive or critical annotations follow.

The catalogs can be ordered in quantities without very great expense, and if the fiction titles of the library are checked, they serve as an excellent substitute for the much called for "printed catalog."

**PAY-DUPLICATE COLLECTION AT LOGANSPORT.**

To supply the demand for popular fiction without using too much of our fund for that purpose, we decided, at the request of some of our patrons, to try a "rental list." On December 1, 1908, we purchased thirty books at a cost of about thirty dollars. These books we rented at two cents per day. When a book earns its cost, it is accessioned and becomes a part of the regular library.

Without adding any more to the original amount invested we have purchased since December 1, 214 volumes, 156 of which have been placed on the free list. One month our circulation of these books was as high as 494 issues. The income is now about \$25 a month. I have found the following records necessary and fairly satisfactory:

In a small account book I keep the amount collected each month, and the amount spent



for books, including freight. In another book, corresponding to an accession record, I enter author, title, date purchased, cost, amount earned, and date put in free list. The Democrat Printing Co., Madison, Wis., has good sheets for this purpose. The lending system is very primitive, but is the best I have yet been able to work out. The books are charged in a day book, each book having a page. When a book is issued the date is stamped and the person's name written after it. When the book is returned, the amount paid is written after the name. This leaves the person's card free for other books.

Our patrons seem pleased with the rental books, as in that way they can get the books while they are still new. The people not patronizing it are also benefited, as they can get new fiction faster than would be possible in any other way. Another advantage to the library is that it brings a class of people who usually buy their own books, and we are able to get their co-operation in other things.

ALICE D. STEVENS,  
Librarian, Logansport Public Library.

#### NEW PUBLICATIONS.

**Anniversaries and holidays;** references and suggestions for picture bulletins, edited by Mary Emogene Hazeltine. April, 1909.

The Wisconsin Free Library Commission has brought out in pamphlet form a compilation of a series of articles which were published in their bulletin in 1900 under the title, *Suggestions for Bulletins for Birthday and Anniversaries*. These have been revised, enlarged and brought up to date under the able direction of Miss Mary Emogene Hazeltine.

Librarians will find in this publication many valuable aids for the preparation of picture bulletins and reading lists for anniversary celebrations. It also contains a bibliography of general reference books for seasons, customs and holidays; sources of illustrative material; references on picture bulletins and reading lists; a calendar of the birthdays of noted men and women, festivals and anniversaries of historical events with suggestions for the celebration of each.

The pamphlet will soon be issued with the

League of Library Commission imprint, and can be secured either from Miss Margaret Brown, Secretary League of Library Commissions, Des Moines, Iowa, or from the Wisconsin Free Library Commission, Madison, Wis.

**List of books and pamphlets in a special collection in the Library of the Workingmen's Institute, New Harmony, Ind.,** compiled and annotated by Rena Reese. 1909.

The list includes 224 titles of books, pamphlets and excerpts from periodicals relating to the history of New Harmony. Twenty-nine of the 224 titles are by Robert Owen, the founder of New Harmony, and 35 are by Robert Dale Owen, his son, who later distinguished himself as legislator and congressman. The manuscript letters bearing on the subject are not included, but early New Harmony prints are.

The Library of the Workingmen's Institute will furnish copies of this list to librarians upon request, accompanied by a two-cent stamp.

**Library of Congress. L. C. Printed Cards, How to Order and How to Use Them.** Wash. 1909.

This pamphlet is designed to explain the ordering and use of the Library of Congress cards in a more popular way than these items are explained in the Handbook of card distribution. The prefatory note reads as follows:

"It is intended to furnish (1) the information which a library should have before beginning to order cards for use in cataloging, (2) the information needed by the specialist who desires to order cards as material for a card bibliography, (3) the information needed by students of library economy who wish to understand the essential features of the work. It is designed to supersede the Handbook of Card Distribution so far as the needs of the last two classes are concerned; but it is not designed to supersede the Handbook entirely as a guide to the ordering and use of the printed cards for cataloging books. Those responsible for ordering and using the L. C. cards for a library catalog will get better results by reading the Handbook carefully and referring frequently to the full statements there given. Most of the sample cards and order slips shown are reproduced from those in the Handbook."

**Buffalo Public Library.** Class-room libraries for public schools, listed by grades; 3d edition, to which is added a list of books suggested for school reference libraries. Buffalo. 1909.

This new edition of one of the old standard library lists serves not only as an aid in selection of children's books, but the subject index is valuable in reference work with children. Myths, stories, poems are entered each under its own title, with a list of books appended in which it is to be found. The books listed have been analyzed so that much information in history, geography, nature study, biography can be easily traced in the index.

To the "Suggestions Toward Reference Libraries," has been added a reading list for teachers and parents, which includes Stories about children and Poems about children. Five hundred copies of this list have been issued for the League of Library Commissions with League imprint.

**Utica Public Library.** Selected List of Historical Fiction, 1909.

It is not the purpose of this publication to furnish a complete chronological outline of the best historical fiction, but to provide "a list in convenient form to meet the frequent requests for a 'good historical novel,' and to help those who enjoy fiction that has an interest aside from the story." The books chosen cover many of the chief historical periods, in our own and foreign countries and are arranged in alphabetical order by author.

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Miss Mary Rotharmel has been appointed librarian of the Bluffton public library to succeed Miss Bertha B. Craven, resigned.

Miss Mayme Snipes has been appointed librarian of the public library at Plainfield to succeed Miss Melissa Carter, resigned.

Miss Rena Reese, who organized the work at the Library of the Workmen's Institute, New Harmony, has accepted a position in the public library at Utica, N. Y.

Mrs. Cora O. Bynum, of the 1909 summer library school class, succeeds Mr. R. H. Harney, deceased, as librarian of the Lebanon public library.

The death is reported of Mr. A. P. Kent, president of the Elkhart public library board. Mr. Kent had been editor of the Elkhart Daily Review for 37 years.

Miss Grace Burton has resigned the position of librarian of the public library at Linton.

Miss Orpha M. Peters has resigned as librarian at Elwood to become assistant librarian of the public library at Gary.

Miss Mary Zollinger has been appointed assistant in the library at the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute.

Miss Faye Tillotson, a student at the library school this summer, has been appointed to take charge of the new public library at Clinton.

Miss Mary C. Roberts, assistant librarian of the Bedford public library, has resigned and gone to Ft. Worth, Texas.

Miss Edith and Lille Trimble, librarians of the public libraries at Kokomo and Vincennes,

respectively, have been granted a year's leave of absence to attend Indiana University.

Mrs. W. H. Orcutt, librarian of the Noblesville public library, has resigned and Miss Lulu M. Miesse has been appointed to succeed her. Miss Miesse was a student at the summer library school this year.

Miss Minta Stone is assisting in the Bedford public library.

Miss Sara Etta Johnston, New York State Library School, 1908-09, has been appointed cataloger at the Library of Purdue University.

Rev. J. Baker, for many years a valued member of the Alexandria Library Board, recently resigned, having removed to Union City. He was succeeded by O. M. Pittinger, Superintendent of the Alexandria schools.

Mrs. Bertha Ridgway, who has been an assistant in the Purdue University Library for several years, has had to give up the work on account of poor health. She is now in Iowa City, Iowa.

Miss Amalia Aicher was elected librarian of the Michigan City library at the annual meeting of the library association of the city last spring.

Miss Belle Roberts has resigned as librarian at Westfield and accepted a position as instructor in the Indiana Girls' School at Clermont. Miss Ida Roberts, who was to have succeeded her sister has since been appointed to a position in the same school.

Miss Ella Saltmarsh, formerly children's librarian of the Indianapolis public library has been made superintendent of branches. Miss Mary Henthorne, who has been an assistant in the children's department, succeeds Miss Saltmarsh.

Miss Carrie Scott, of Alexandria, began September 1st a term of apprentice work in the public library of her city.

### NEWS OF INDIANA LIBRARIES.

**Alexandria.**—The Alexandria public library has received recently valuable gifts from two of the leading clubs of the city. The Crescendo Club gave a set of books on music and the Riley Club a number of books on English literature of the Victorian period.

**Auburn.**—It was announced some time ago

that Mr. Carnegie would give \$12,500 to Auburn for a public library. Later Mr. Charles Eckhart offered to erect at his expense for the city a library building to cost \$22,600, and the offer was accepted. Mr. Eckhart is a prominent manufacturer of Auburn and a member of the library board.

The new building is to be of Bedford stone and red vitrified pressed brick, with green tile roof. It will hold 25,000 volumes, and is to be located on Jackson and Thirteenth streets.

**Bloomfield.**—The contract for building a library in Bloomfield was let July 19th. The structure is to cost \$5,568, and is to be completed March 1st. The bids for heating and plumbing were not accepted, and the wiring and decoration of the building were not considered. The architect is Mr. Herbert Bass, of Indianapolis, and the contract was let to Mr. S. D. Miles, of Bloomfield.

**Boonville.**—The members of the committee that is to have in charge the erection of the proposed new library at Boonville, visited Mt. Vernon recently to inspect the Carnegie library there. The members of the committee are Judge Edward Goff, Dr. E. M. Folsom, Prof. Chas. E. Clarke, and Mr. Kenneth Weyerbacker.

**Clinton.**—The progress of the public library building of Clinton has been somewhat delayed on account of the difficulty in securing materials. The foundation, however, is completed and those who have it in charge expect the building to be ready for use about the first of December.

**Corydon.**—The Corydon public library was formally opened on Friday, March 5th. The president of the Corydon Library Association, Mr. Harry P. Kepner, had the exercises in charge, and made a brief address. Mr. Thomas S. Jones, secretary, gave a report, and Dr. A. M. Irvine, Judge C. W. Cook and Mr. R. F. Kirkham made short speeches. The library is to be open afternoons and evenings till 9 o'clock. Mr. George W. Benton is librarian.

**Greenfield.**—The new library building at Greenfield has been completed and is now being furnished. Miss Melissa Cooper of the city, gave the lot and Andrew Carnegie gave the money for the building. It cost \$12,500, and is constructed of Bedford stone and mottled brick.

**Indianapolis.**—Miss Browning, of the Indianapolis public library, and the members of the library board, have been busy this summer making preparations for building the new branch libraries. The \$120,000 donated by Carnegie, will be divided equally among six branch buildings, three of which will be erected this year, and three next year. Plans for the three to be constructed this year have been drawn and the contract for one of them let. The architect for this building is D. A. Bohlen, and the contractor Mr. Von Spreckelsen, both of this city. The site was donated by Trotter and Henry and is located at Ohio and Mount streets in the Trotter and Henry addition.

The second branch to be built will be located on East Washington street. The contract for it will be let in a few weeks.

**Indianapolis. State Library.**—The State Library is adding five or six hundred feet of new Library Bureau stacks. It is estimated that this will increase the shelf capacity some 3,500 volumes and so temporarily, at least, relieve the crowded condition.

**Kokomo.**—The Carnegie library of Kokomo has been presented with a picture of David Foster, the founder of the city. Appropriate ceremonies were held at which a presentation speech was made by one of his daughters, and an acceptance speech by Mayor Arnett.

The library has been redecorated within the past few months according to a color scheme worked out by Prof. A. M. Brooks, of the State University.

**Ligonier.**—That Ligonier has a growing interest in the public library, following the recent opening of the new Carnegie building in Cavin park, has been proved lately by numerous donations from citizens in the form of books and funds. The latest of the donations is a large bronze fountain in the park north of the building, the gift of Jacob Straus, whose home adjoins the park. The fountain was provided by Mr. Straus, and was put in place and surrounded by broad cement walks by the city. Among other events that have marked the interest in the library are the foundation of the Goldsmith memorial reference library valued at \$1,000, and the gift of a children's library of 150 volumes by S. J.

Straus, of Ligonier, who promises also an annual increase to the set. Citizens have been exceedingly generous with books during the first year of the institution and the outlook for a rapid development of the library is promising.

**Linton.**—The Linton public library received its first donation of books from John Shaw, of that city. The gift consisted of 60 volumes of history.

**Mishawaka.**—Mishawaka has been offered a site for a new library building, by Mr. Henry G. Niles, president of the Mishawaka Plow Company. The location is central and is said to be one that will prove satisfactory to people on both sides of the river. The old library quarters in the City Hall have been outgrown and the city hopes to get a donation from Carnegie for a new building.

**Muncie.**—The annual report for 1908 of the city controller of Muncie includes a three-page report of the public library. Miss Chapin reports 26,124 volumes accessioned, 2,362 of which have been added this year; a circulation of 81,387 volumes, which is an increase of 4,788 over last year, and an average reading room attendance of 80 per day. She mentions as important work of the year the cataloging of many documents, stories told to children, and special reference work with men. She speaks highly of the good advertising she has had through the columns of the local paper.

**Noblesville.**—The campaign for a new library building was launched by the Noblesville Ledger a few days ago. The library quarters are now in the High School building several squares from the center of town and it is thought that the work could be much broadened if a new building down town could be provided.

**Richmond.**—The Wayne County Historical Society, one of the most active local historical societies in the State, has recently made a very practical move by placing its collection of materials under the direct supervision of the Morrison-Reeves public library of Richmond. Actual experience has shown that where these collections have been kept in isolated places, with no one personally in charge, much valuable material has been lost. Under such conditions, any system is almost out of the question and

much of the practical value of the collection is lost. The action of the Wayne County Society is to be heartily commended, and it is hoped that other societies, where there are well established libraries, will proceed likewise.

**Syracuse.**—Mrs. Knorr of the Syracuse public library, reports a circulation of 4,646 volumes from February 13 to July 31, with 1,050 books in the library. Most of the readers are women, but an effort is being made to attract men by adding books that they want and letting them know about them.

In June the students of the seventh and eighth grades gave an entertainment for the benefit of the public library, the money received going for a purchase of Stoddard's lectures.

**Topeka.**—The Sycamore Literary Society of Topeka has petitioned John D. Rockefeller for \$20,000, to establish and endow a library for the society. The petition is accompanied by commendatory letters from prominent men, including Governor Marshall, Ex-Governors Hanly and Durbin, Ex-President Roosevelt and others, and by descriptive articles about the society that have been printed in the Indianapolis News.

The society is twenty-nine years old. Mr. J. N. Babcock, who has been a trustee from the beginning, is now president.

**Westfield.**—Interested library workers at Westfield recently collected a lot of old papers and magazines which they sold for enough money to pay for repapering the library. Among the magazines collected were a good many which proved useful in completing the reference sets.

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Miss Minnie W. Leatherman, the newly appointed Secretary of the North Carolina Public Library Commission, spent two days during the latter part of August in the office of the Public Library Commission of Indiana, familiarizing herself with the office organization and getting ideas about the methods employed by this Commission. Miss Leatherman is a Pratt Institute Library School graduate, and has been an assistant in the Louisville public library up to the time of her new appointment.

